



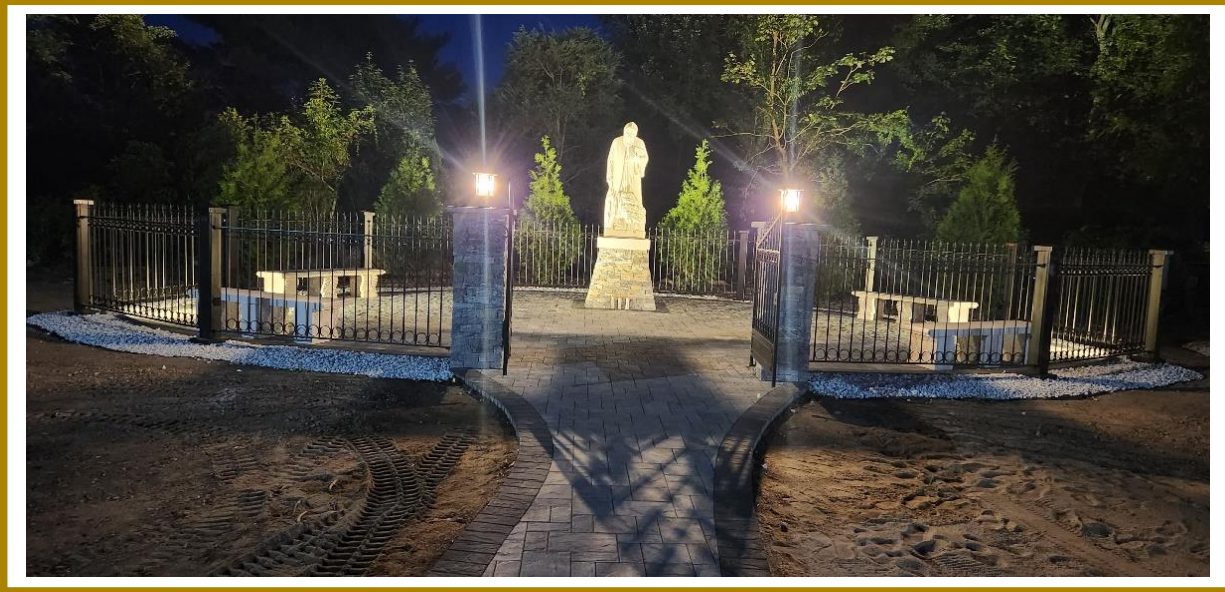
# Our Lady of Purgatory

## Maronite Catholic Church



September 21-22, 2024

### SECOND SUNDAY AFTER THE HOLY CROSS



#### DEDICATION OF SAINT CHARBEL SHRINE

On Saturday, September 21, Bishop Gregory Mansour will dedicate the newly completed Saint Charbel Shrine. Divine Liturgy will be at 5:00 PM on that Saturday, followed by the dedication of the shrine, and dinner reception afterwards.

This beautiful addition to our complex was made possible by the kindness and generosity of Elie and Micheline Aboukheir. We thank them for this prayerful outdoor shrine where many will be able to find peace and solace as they pray to Saint Charbel through his intercession.

Please mark your calendars for this special occasion. Saint Chabel, pray for us!

#### WITH THANKS AND GRATITUDE

I would like to thank all our volunteers and sponsors for our Annual Lebanese Festival this past weekend. And what a weekend it was. The spirit of our community shined brightly to all our guests. A big thank you to our Chairpersons, Gaby Baroody, Matthew Thomas, and Hiba Chdid, to those who prepared food, served, set up and tore down, our wonderful dabke troupe, those who donated water, soda's, baskets, and supplies, Cyclone Cleaners, Tibbals Electric, Cedars Mediterranean Foods, Elie's Bakery, Crown Bakery, Saint Anthony of Padua Food Bank, Al Lagasse, Lizzie's Liquor, Kathy L'Hommedieu, Playa Bowls, Hyatt Thomas, and to our visiting volunteers the Farhat's, El Hajal's, the Daaboul's and the Cherfane's. You all made this festival a great success. And thank you to all who came and supported our fundraiser. May God continue to bless OLOP.

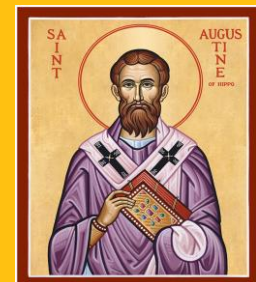
#### WINE AND HOST OFFERING

The altar bread and wine for the month of September is offered in memory of Jean D'Arc ElKhoury by Jacques and Amal Barbour.

#### QUOTE OF THE WEEK

*"You have made us for yourself, O Lord, and our heart is restless until it rests in you."*

*St. Augustine of Hippo*



**Fr. Vincent Farhat, Pastor | Rev. Mr. Jean Mattar, Deacon**

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**OFFICE HOURS:** The Church office will be open Monday through Thursday from 10:00 am until 3:00 pm.

## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY DEACON JEAN

On behalf of the entire community of OLOP, we wish Deacon Jean a happy and blessed anniversary of his ordination to Deacon. We thank Deacon Jean for all his hard work and dedication to this parish of OLOP. May Almighty God grant him many more years of service to His Church. Thank you, Deacon Jean, for everything you do!

## MYO PARENTS MEETING

On October 2<sup>nd</sup>, via Zoom at 8:00 PM, we will have a meeting with the parents of our MYO members. This is an opportunity to discuss our plans for this group and to have your input on ideas you may have as well. We are looking forward to bringing our youth together in the spirit of our traditions and faith. It will be a joyful and beautiful year. Please send me your email address and any new children that would like to join us at: [Ourladyofpugatory@gmail.com](mailto:Ourladyofpugatory@gmail.com)

## DISCERNMENT WEEKEND FOR MEN

*"The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few."*

Hearing God's call in a world where there is so much noise is never easy. Nonetheless, we know there are men in our parishes called to the priesthood. Can we help them hear this call?

Let us discern with them, to the best of our abilities, and put them on the right path. In this way we will be privileged to accompany men who show signs of a vocation to the priesthood, as well as promote the beauty of the priesthood in all that we do.

We will be holding a Discernment Weekend **Friday November 1, 2024, to Sunday November 3, 2024, at the Maronite Seminary, in Washington DC.**

If you know of any man discerning a vocation to the priesthood, or would like to know more, please call Fr. Dominique Hanna's phone number (718-624-7228). The men will be able to experience seminarian life during the weekend. They will join for Liturgy, Adoration, meals, prayers and social life. The weekend is a great opportunity for men to come and see what a weekend in the life of a seminarian is like!

## 40TH ANNIVERSARY FOR SISTER MARLA

In celebration and gratitude to 40 years of service of Sister Marla Marie Lucas to the Lord, you are cordially invited to attend a special Divine Liturgy commemorating this Rudy milestone.

This Anniversary Liturgy & Reception will be held on Saturday, November 2, 2024, at Our Lady of Purgatory Church in New Bedford at 4:30pm. Bishop Gregory will preside for this special occasion and a meal will follow immediately after the Divine Liturgy.

This also marks the 16th Anniversary of the Maronite Servants of Christ the Light. Please RSVP via email or phone call to: [sister@maroniteservants.org](mailto:sister@maroniteservants.org) or call 508-996-1753.

May God continue to bless Sister Marla and the Maronite Sisters of Christ the Light for many more years.



*Come Celebrate With Us*  
The 40th Jubilee in Religious Life of  
**Mother Marla Marie Lucas**  
&  
The 16th Anniversary of the  
**Maronite Servants of Christ the Light**  
We cordially invite you to join us for  
**Liturgy of Thanksgiving**  
With His Excellency, Bishop Gregory Mansour  
**Saturday, November 2, 2024 at 4:30 PM**  
Our Lady of Purgatory Church  
4254 Acushnet Ave, New Bedford, MA  
-Reception to Follow-  
RSVP by Friday, Oct. 18 at 508-996-1753 or [sister@maroniteservants.org](mailto:sister@maroniteservants.org)  
with the number of attendees. If you need overnight accommodation, there  
is a room block rate.  
To support our mission, visit [Maroniteservants.org/donate](http://Maroniteservants.org/donate)  
Venmo @MaroniteServants.

## SAINT ANTHONY OF THE DESERT ANNUAL PARISH HAFLI

Msgr. James Root and the Parishioners of Saint Anthony of the Desert will be hosting their annual Hafli on Saturday, October 5, beginning at 7:30 PM featuring Chris Hawat with Bachir Khoury & Band. Tickets are \$100.00 VIP and \$80.00 General Admission per person. Full Dinner Buffet, cash bar, and dancing. Please contact the Parish Office at 508-672-7653, Tony Akouri at 401-241-1976, or Fadi Heneine at 774-526-9994.



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## LITURGY INTENTIONS

**Saturday, September 21, @ 5:00 PM, (Feast of Saint Quadratus, Bishop of Athens).** Liturgy is being offered for the soul of Sandy Potoak requested by Joann David. May her soul rest in peace. Liturgy is being offered for the souls of the deceased members of the AbouKheir and Farhat families requested by Elie and Micheline AbouKheir and family. May their souls rest in peace.

**Sunday, September 22, @ 10:30 AM, (Feast of Saint Phocas and his Companions).** Liturgy is being offered for the soul of Charlie Murray requested by family (1 year anniversary). May his soul rest in peace. Liturgy is being offered for the soul of Jean D'Arc ElKhoury requested by family. May her soul rest in peace. Liturgy is being offered for the souls of the deceased members of the Hardin family Society (FM). May their souls rest in peace.

**Saturday, September 28, @ 5:00 PM, (Feast of Saint Chariton).** Liturgy is being offered for the souls of the deceased members of the Jones and Jukiewicz families requested by Sean, Marie and Keira McLaughlin. May their souls rest in peace. Liturgy is being offered for the soul of Frances Monteiro requested by Dan and Helena Tavares. May his soul rest in peace.

**Sunday, September 29, @ 10:30 AM, (Feast of Saint Romanos (Cyriacus), Known as Rouhanna the Cantor). Remember Me In Your Kingdom Liturgy.** May all the souls in the book of life rest in peace. Liturgy is being offered for the soul of the deceased members of the Thomas family requested by Mrs. George Thomas (FM). May their souls rest in peace. Blessings for the health of Maria Sousa requested by Marco Sousa. May God bless her.

### FINANCE COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Jimmy Kalife, Wassim Chedid, Rose Dupre, Rana Choubah, Nigel Hitchings, and Joseph Barckett.

### PARISH COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Fadi Bark, Johnny Kalife, Vicki Thomas Marini, Jacques Barbour, and Smitty Cabral.

## IN OUR PRAYERS

Sophie Correa, Stephen Dacosta, Kenneth Macedo, Muriel Moline, Patricia Farhat, Ghada Karam, Beverly Parlapiano, Michael Bruce, Debbie Freedenberg, Magda Moosa, Efrangieh Daou, Sharon Conti, David Techlin, Reggie Thomas, Peter Helmer, Renee Helmer, Octavia David, Jacob Rego, Amal Assaf, Denise Magaletta, Fernanda Thomas, Angela Scorza-Anderson, Theresa John, Laurette Bou Ramia, Annie Peter, Mariam David, Norma Thomas, Zita Drouin, Lucienne Rodrigues, Ed Da Rocha, and Edmond Salameh. If anyone is missing from this list, please contact the Church office.

### THE SANCTUARY CANDLE BURNS FOR....

This week the sanctuary candle burns for special intention by Charbel and Antoinette Chedid. Anyone who would like to offer the sanctuary candle for a loved one or special intention, this will be offered each week. An offering of a \$10.00 donation is appreciated.

### LECTORS FOR SEPTEMBER 2024

**Saturday, September 21,**  
John Barbour/ Elie Aboukheir

**Sunday, September 22,**  
Mae Dickinson / Hiba Chdid

**Saturday, September 28,**  
Smitty Cabral

Intercessions: Eric Tavares  
**Sunday, September 29,**

Ann Dupre / Jano Baroody

(If you are not able to read on your given day, please contact Mae Dickinson)

### MARONITE HERITAGE FORMATION CLASSES

LIGHT OF LIFE (LOL)  
2024

#### MARONITE HERITAGE CLASSES

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from 5:00 P.M. till 1:00 A.M.  
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from 4:00 P.M. to 1:00 A.M.  
Sunday, September 30  
from 12:00 P.M. to 5:00 P.M.

Extra Parking available at the Angelo School at 472 N Main Street and at the old AMR Ambulance Center adjacent to our Parking Lot

**Jad Rahme**  
Saturday

**DJ Ray**  
Friday, Saturday & Sunday

**Baskets Auction**

**BAR** **RAFFLE!**

No outside Food, Drinks or Hookah allowed

### DAILY READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF 09/23-09/28/24

#### Monday:

Book of revelations 3: 1-6  
Matthew 10: 16- 22

#### Tuesday:

Book of revelations 3: 7-13  
Matthew 11: 20-24

#### Wednesday:

Book of revelations 3: 14-22  
Matthew 12: 29-32

#### Thursday:

Book of revelations 4: 1-11  
Matthew 12: 33-37

#### Friday:

Book of revelations 5: 1-10  
Matthew 12: 38-42

#### Saturday:

Book of revelations 6: 9-17  
Matthew 12: 43-45

### WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 14-15, 2024

|                         |                    |
|-------------------------|--------------------|
| Sunday Collection       | \$ 1115.00         |
| Festival Raffle Tickets | \$ 100.00          |
| Festival Sponsorship    | \$ 1300.00         |
| Festival Donations      | \$ 150.00          |
| Food Sales              | \$ 260.00          |
| Candles                 | \$ 346.00          |
| <b>Total</b>            | <b>\$ 3,271.00</b> |

THANK YOU FOR YOUR KINDNESS AND GENEROSITY BY SENDING IN YOUR WEEKLY COLLECTIONS VIA MAIL. THIS HAS BEEN VERY HELPFUL FOR THE CHURCH. GOD BLESS YOU AND YOUR FAMILY.



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